783. Since the Mysore Railway was integrated with the Government of India Railways, the question of terminating of the services of Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Tritton, Ltd., as Consulting and Inspecting Engineers for Mysore in London, which were no longer required, was under consideration.

784. Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Tritton, Ltd., London, inspected the remaining portion of the orders placed long before the integration of the Mysore Railways with the Government of India Railways. The Trade Agent's Office in London continued to render assistance to the Stores Purchase Committee.

785. The total tonnage of consignments imported by the Clearing Agents during the year was 8,466 tons, and the total cost incurred was Rs. 27.61,697 including customs duty, landing charges, harbour dues, commission and other incidental charges for the transport of goods to their respective destinations. A sum of Rs. 2,30,892 was recovered from the Customs authorities, Madras and Bombay, as refund of excess customs duty, transit dues, etc., during the year and remitted to the Imperial Bank of India, Madras and Bombay, to the credit of the Mysore Government.

786. Eighty firms were newly registered and put on the approved list of the Stores Purchase Committee during the year.

787. The total expenditure on the Stores Purchase Committee, including the contribution of Rs. 4,000 paid towards the Trade Agent's Office in London, the charges paid to Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Tritton, Ltd., London, and salaries, establishment and contingencies of the Office, amounted to Rs. 53,667, which works up to 0·28 per cent as against 0·40 per cent during the previous year.

(viii) Public Service Commission.

788. The number and percentage of appointments held by Brahmins and Backward Communities in the Gazetted and Non-Gazetted Services of the State during the year 1950-51 were as follows:—

Caste	Gazetted Service		Non-Gazetted Service	
	No.	Per cent	No.	Per cent
Brahmins	592	41·29	15,663	33·20
Backward Communities ...	845	58·71	31,483	66·80
Total ...	1,437	100·00	47,136	100·00

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789. Applications were invited from qualified candidates after obtaining the forecast of vacancies from the Unit Officers and approved lists "A" and "B" were issued. The response from graduates of Backward Communities for Class I service was not satisfactory. However, after the results of the supplemental examination of the University were announced, applications from Backward Community graduates were again invited and supplementary lists were issued.

790. All appointments (both ministerial and executive including technical) for which no approved lists were issued, were advertised individually.

791. One thousand four hundred and ninety-nine vacancies were advertised and dealt with according to rules during the year.

792. The scheme of selection of candidates by competitive examination was suspended pending constitution of the Commission for 1950-51, proposals were also submitted for the revival of the scheme for the year 1951-52 and orders of Government thereon were still awaited.

793. For every application, petition, memorial, and appeal for appointment, transfer of names from one approved list to another, change of unit, second chance of appointment, grant of exemption from age limit, knowledge of Kannada, required qualifications for any posts, etc., a fee of rupee one was ordered to be levied, candidates belonging to Depressed Classes being exempted from payment of this fee. A total revenue of Rs. 21,224 was realised.

794. Irregular appointments and promotions were promptly checked by systematic inspection of unit offices of recruitment by the inspecting staff.

795. Proposals were submitted to Government to revise the list of Backward Communities under Article 16 (4) of the Constitution. Orders thereon were awaited.

(ix) Anti-Corruption Measures.

796. At the commencement of the year, there were 758 petitions pending enquiry. During the year, 783 petitions were received; of the total number of petitions received, 297 containing allegations of a less serious nature were referred to the concerned departmental officers for necessary action. Among the other petitions enquired into, the allegations made in 73 instances were found to be either